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Managers and Officers of the Institution.

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House: W. C. Silver. Jairus Hart. J. Y. Payzant. George Mitchell.

Officers and Staff.

SUPERINTENDENT.

C. F. FRASER, M. A.

TEACHERS.

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Clarionet—MR. HANSON.
Music-Reader—MISS LAURA OWEN.
Voice Culture—MISS R. CORBIN.
Girls' Work Department—MISS J. ALLISON.

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D. M. READ.

TRADE INSTRUCTOR.

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DENTAL SURGEON.

DR. A. C. COGSWELL.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

The Board of Managers have much pleasure in submitting to the members of the Corporation, to the Governments and Legislatures interested, and to the friends of the Blind, the Twenty Ninth Annual Report of the School; and in so doing they desire to gratefully acknowledge the many blessings which under a kind Providence the School has enjoyed, and to express their gratitude for the wide-spread interest which is now being evinced in the education and training of those who are deprived of sight.

ATTENDANCE. There are at present 112 pupils in attendance, as compared with 106 pupils in attendance at the School Dec. 1st, 1898. It is a matter of satisfaction to your Board that we have been able to receive and to afford educational advantages to all of those who have applied for admission; and that the liberality of our many friends has enabled us to maintain without interruption the policy of the open door.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.—It is with pleasure that we call special attention to the Superintendent's Report, which fully outlines the general work of the School and emphasizes its results. The scholarships which the Superintendent desires to see established would certainly be advantageous to our pupils generally, and would enable many a bright and deserving blind student to supplement his education in this School by a course in the higher institutions of literature and music.

The proposal that a cottage hospital should be erected upon our grounds is worthy of thoughtful consideration, and if the means for its erection can be secured, the proposed building should be constructed at an early date.

TEACHING STAFF.—Our teaching staff consists of eight resident and ten non-resident teachers. Twelve of these teachers devote

their full time to the work of their respective departments, while the remaining six teachers give instruction from four to twelve hours weekly. The work of this corps of experienced and zealous instructors speaks for itself, and your Board has great pleasure in expressing its appreciation of the earnestness and devotion to their work displayed by the members of the teaching staff.

GRADUATES. It is satisfactory to note that the reports from our recent graduates, as well as from those who left the School many years since, continue to be most satisfactory. As the number increases, especially from the industrial departments, it is more than probable that we shall deem it wise to appoint a travelling agent who may from time to time visit the localities in which such graduates reside, arrange about the purchase of materials and the sales of work, and otherwise further their interests.

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT. Our household, including officers, the members of the teaching staff, the domestic staff, and pupils, numbers 137 persons. As it may be imagined, it is no easy matter to see to it that each member of this large family is comfortably fed and lodged. The duties of our matron, assistant matron and housekeeper, require their constant and undivided attention, and while strict economy is observed, they spare no pains to promote the comfort and well-being of those residing in the Institution.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Twenty-eight girls and thirty seven boys from the Province of Nova Scotia are now attending the School. This is an increase of two over the number of pupils in attendance Dec. 1st, 1898. The census returns show that the majority of the youthful blind in the Province are females, and hence the number of girls in attendance may be expected to show a small increase, while the number of males, which has stood at the same figure for the past three years, will vary but slightly. The Act of the Provincial Legislature which provides for the free education of the blind of this Province, is a credit to Nova Scotia, and its outcome is a blessing to many of her sons and daughters.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—There are now 34 pupils from the Province of New Brunswick attending the School, eleven of these are girls and twenty-three boys. New Brunswick has recognized the right of those who are blind to a free education, and the Provincial Legislature has made statutory provision for the admission to this School of all New Brunswick boys and girls who, by reason of total blindness or insufficient sight, are unable to take advantage of the ordinary public schools. That this blessing is appreciated by the blind youth of New Brunswick is shown by the increase in the number admitted to the Institution.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—Five pupils, one girl and four boys, from the Province of Prince Edward Island are now in attendance.

The number should be larger, and no doubt would be, were the Government and Legislature of Prince Edward Island to give the question of the education of the blind the consideration to which it is justly entitled. Were Prince Edward Island to make no provision for the free education of those with sight we should not be able to question her policy with respect to those who are blind, but whereas in educational matters she proudly holds the position of the banner province of Canada, it is somewhat paradoxical that she occupies such an unenviable position with respect to the education of her boys and girls who are deprived of sight. We most respectfully recommend this matter to the earnest and thoughtful consideration of the public spirited men and women of Prince Edward Island.

Newfoundland. There are at present attending the School eight pupils from the Colony of Newfoundland. Two of these are girls and six are boys. The Government and Legislature of Newfoundland make provision for the education and training in this School of eight pupils and the authorities have indicated their willingness to increase the grant in proportion to the increase in the number of Newfoundland pupils. We should very much like to see the Colony of Newfoundland make statutory provision for the education of all its blind children, but if this cannot be at once accomplished we would most earnestly request the Government to place in the estimates a sum sufficient to pay the charges for the education in this School of at least ten pupils.

Alterations and Improvements. During the past year some very necessary alterations in our gymnasium and workshop have been carried out, and our out-buildings have been put in a thorough state of repair. We have also made considerable progress in the laying out and improving of our play grounds, which year by year are becoming more attractive.

Treasurer's Statement. The Treasurer's statement herewith submitted shows the receipts on current account to have been $17,698.25, and the expenses $17,684.02, leaving a small balance to the credit of the School.

Doctor Dodge. By the death of Doctor Stephen Dodge which occured in February last, the Institution lost an old and valued friend, and at a meeting of the Board of Managers which was held on March 2nd, the following resolutions of appreciation and sympathy were unanimously adopted :

"*Resolved*, that the members of this Board place on the records of the Institution a resolution expressive of their profound regret at the loss the School for the Blind has sustained through the death of Doctor Dodge, who, since the inception of the work of educating the Blind in these Provinces, has freely and without

remuneration given his services to the pupils and filled the office of Opthalmic surgeon to the School.

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Managers desire to express their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Dodge and the members of her family in the loss they have been called upon to sustain."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS. In addition to the donations elsewhere acknowledged, your Board gratefully acknowledges the following bequests.

Mrs. Charles Murdoch, $450.00; estate of the late Gilbert Pugsley, Amherst, $200.00; estate E. P. Archbold, $25.00, being the first of ten yearly payments; and from the late Miss Harriet Allison, Halifax, $50.00. The thanks of the Board of Managers are due Doctors Lindsay, Kirkpatrick, and Cogswell. These gentlemen are always ready to give the pupils their professional services and gladly serve the School free of charge.

The Board of Managers also desires to express its thanks to Mr. H. B. Clarke, Lessee of the Halifax Academy, and to the Halifax Symphony Orchestra, for kindly admitting the pupils to lectures, concerts, etc., under their respective management. These are a source of great enjoyment to our boys and girls, and are especially helpful to them as students of music.

The railways and other transportation companies have our thanks for the special rates granted and for the uniform kindness and care shown to the pupils while travelling to and from their homes.

The Directors have much pleasure in referring to the recent visit of their invaluable Superintendent and his esteemed wife, to the United States. It is most interesting and pleasing to note that the results of the training given in this Institution compare favorably with the results of the training given in older and better endowed Schools, and that in teaching staff and equipment the School for the Blind of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland is fully abreast of the times.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. SILVER,
President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the President and Board of Managers of the School for the Blind:

GENTLEMEN,

The table of attendance herewith submitted shows that 128 blind persons have been under instruction during the past year, 80 of whom were males and 48 females. Of these 16 have since graduated, or remained at home, making the total number registered Dec 1st, 1899, 112, of whom 70 are males and 42 females. Of these 65 are from the Province of Nova Scotia, 34 from New Brunswick, 5 from Prince Edward Island, and 8 from Newfoundland.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE

	Boys.	Girls.	Adults.	Total.
Registered Dec. 1st, 1898.....	64	29	3	106
Entered during the year.....	11	9	2	22
Graduated or remained at home.....	10	6	..	16
Registered Dec. 1st, 1899	65	42	5	112

Introductory.—Although the school year just closed has been devoid of any specially marked features it has nevertheless been a year of steady and very satisfactory development.

The work of each department of the School has been carefully revised, and the general standard has been advanced. Profiting from the knowledge gained from long experience, we have endeavored to avoid the educational ruts into which the work of a school so naturally drops. Our teachers are themselves students, and they fully realize that upon their efforts, energy and enthusiasm depends in no small measure the after success of the pupils. We have entrusted to our tuition and care upwards of one hundred young people. Each of these boys and girls has his or her own mental and physical characteristics, and each requires and should receive, such a training as will best equip him or her for the battle of life.

Every effort is made to ensure the success of our pupils when they leave the School, and while we do not pretend that every pupil will ultimately become self-supporting, we can with pardonable satisfaction point to the record of our graduates and claim

that the School has been, and is doing for the blind of Eastern Canada and Newfoundland, as good work as our opportunities and the means at our command make possible.

A Grateful Acknowledgment.—The equipment of our school department has recently been greatly improved by the addition of a number of Physiological, Botanical, Geographical and Natural History models.

These models, which were presented to the School by Messrs. B. F. Pearson and W. B. Ross, Q. C., are dissectible, and are admirably adapted to the needs of our pupils. The kind thought of these gentlemen in thus remembering the School, and in placing within reach of the pupils such valuable appliances, has been most thoroughly appreciated by our teaching staff as well as by the pupils themselves. With the apparatus now at our command, more efficient work can be carried out and better results secured. I trust that the gift of Messrs. Pearson and Ross may stimulate other friends of the School to follow their example, and thus enable us to still further increase our outfit of tangible appliances.

Text-Books.—For many years we have been dependent upon the press of the British and Foreign Blind Association of London for such text books as we required. These books, although excellent in their way, were limited in their number, and not altogether adapted to the requirements of a Canadian School for the Blind. This lack of suitable text-books in raised print has hitherto been overcome by the pupils writing from dictation such matter as their teachers desired them to study. It can be readily understood that the writing out by hand of these text books has been a slow and laborious process, and has absorbed a larger measure of the time of the pupils than was at all desirable.

Mr. Henry M. Whitney, of Boston, so well and favorably known throughout Canada as the successful organizer of the Dominion Coal Company, and subsequently of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., having had his attention called to our need for an up-to-dat-method of producing suitable literature for our pupils, kindly pur chased and presented to the School an interpointing Braille stereotyper and point print press. These machines, which are manufactured by Messrs. Harrison & Seifried, Chicago, are of the very latest and most improved pattern. With these machines we can stereotype upon thin brass or zinc plates the matter which we wish to reproduce, and from these plates we can strike off fifty, one hundred, or if need be one thousand copies in raised print.

The process is expeditious and the cost of books thus printed is comparatively small. The value of this printing outfit to the work of our School department will readily be appreciated by those who realize the time and labor saved our teachers and pupils. Mr.

Whitney's opportune and handsome gift will be appreciated not only by those directly interested, but by friends of the Blind throughout the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland.

School Department. The pupils of our School Department are graded in six divisions, the attendance of each division averaging eighteen. Our course includes the study of the English and French languages, mathematics, physical and commercial geography, and all such general branches of education as tend to develope the mental faculties and strengthen the characters of our boys and girls.

Teaching Staff. The classes are in charge of five skilled and experienced teachers, all of whom are earnest and devoted instructors. Several assistant teachers aid them in their work. The School has indeed great reason to be thankful for the personnel of this staff. We have in previous reports referred to the zeal and attainments of Miss C. R. Frame, the success of Miss B. Cumming, the enthusiasm of Mr. S. R. Hussey, the energy and tact of the language teacher, Prof. Lanos, and the excellent training given in our Kindergarten department by Miss Josie Howe. These ladies and gentlemen with their assistants are performing a grand educational work, and their ability and earnestness merit the highest commendation.

Musical Department. Music is taught in the School not only for its ethical and educative value as a study, but also on account of the practical use to which the pupils can apply their instruction in this art. Our pupils receive a broad and comprehensive musical training, and when possessed of fair average ability they never fail to make good musicians. Music is a many sided art, and no school which aspires to give its pupils a thorough musical training can rest content with simply affording that technical instruction which insures the successful playing of one or more instruments. Music has its intellectual and aesthetic, as well as its technical side, and realizing this, our pupils are given every opportunity of studying the history of music, the biographies of great composers, harmonic notation, and the theory of music. They also as frequently as possible attend the concerts of our best musical organizations and of the musicians visiting the city. In this way their intellectual grasp and aesthetic tastes are developed and strengthened.

Staff of the Musical Department. Prof. A. M. Chisholm, who for the last thirteen years has been the director of our musical department, is full of energy and enthusiasm, and directs his department with ability and success. He has as his assistants several vocal and instrumental specialists of tried skill, and the instrumental equipment of the department will compare favorably with that of many conservatories of music.

Graduates. From the pupils who graduated from the School

in June last, very encouraging reports have been received. While they have not all found the road to success smooth and free from obstacles, they have met with a fair share of encouragement and feel assued of their ability to maintain themselves. One of our graduates, R. W. Giffin, who has settled in Amherst, N. S., as a teacher of vocal and instrumental music, has recently secured a very large and promising class of pupils. W. H. Sterns, also a recent graduate, has opened an office in Liverpool as a life insurance agent, and has met with a fair measure of success. A third graduate, Michael Parnell, has established himself as a piano-forte tuner in St. John's Newfoundland, and is greatly encouraged by the employment he has so far secured. Of the other graduates some are teaching music, while others are engaged in industrial pursuits.

A Desired Scholarship.—Among the graduates of the School there have been four young men who have been fortunate enough to secure the means to continue their literary or musical studies. Mr. E. P. Fletcher took the Arts course at Acadia College and obtained his B. A. degree. Messrs. A. M. Chisholm, F. R. McLean, and H. B. Campbell, went to Germany, and there completed their musical training under the most favorable auspices. Many other pupils have possessed marked literary or musical ability, but have not had the opportunity of improving these gifts to their fullest extent. In view of this fact, and realizing that the spirit of emulation aroused by healthy competition is advantageous to any school or college, I desire to direct the attention of the friends of the blind to this matter, in the hope that by so doing some one or more persons may help us to further this educational work. The establishment of a scholarship of sufficient value to enable a pupil to take a course in a first-class convervatory of music, or to pay his expenses through college, would stimulate the ambition of every pupil in the School, would tend to raise the standard of our own work, and would be of inestimable advantage to those who are fortunate enough to win such a scholarship. I sincerely trust that this idea may recommend itself to some one or more of our many benefactors.

Tuning Department.—Our tuning department has been taxed to its utmost limits during the past year owing to the desire on the part of the pupils to make themselves proficient piano-forte tuners. Mr. D. M. Reid, the instructor in this department, has done all in his power to further the aspirations of the pupils, and to give them that practical training which the business of piano-forte tuning requires. Mr. Reid is to his pupils a living example of the success which can be secured by a skillful tuner and a determined man, even when handicapped by the loss of sight.

Manual Training.—The manual training of our pupils in the Sloyde shop and in the larger workshop has received careful attention, and has been systematically carried on. So far as it is possible we endeavor to keep in view in this training a practical end, and hence the trades taught are those best adapted to the conditions of the workers. Instruction in light handicrafts, such as basket and brush making, and cane seating of chairs, is given, and many of the pupils after leaving the School turn to good advantage the knowledge gained in this department. Mr. D. A. Baird, our trade instructor, continues to discharge his duties satisfactorily.

Girls' Work Department.—In the girls' work department no specially new features have been added, but the course of work laid down for each pupil has been closely followed out, and many of the pupils have received a training which will be of life-long service to them. Instruction in the straw and reed work has been continued, and a few of the pupils can now make up very pretty and useful articles, such as blotters, photograph frames, wall pockets, table mats, and fancy baskets. Miss Allison, the girls' teacher, has given to this work her careful and undivided attention.

General Health.—With the exception of a few cases of German measles, the health of the staff and pupils during the past year has been excellent. In this connection I would like to direct the attention of the Board to the need that may at any time arise for hospital accommodation. Our buildings, though commodious, are already filled to overflowing, and one of the two rooms set aside for hospital purposes has had to be utilized as a dormitory. I would strongly recommend, if the means can be secured, that a cottage hospital should be erected in the south-western portion of our grounds. We would not require a very large or very costly building, but simply a small brick or wooden structure to which pupils could be removed when sick, and receive that special attention which all sick persons require. The jar and noise of a large school, to say nothing of the constant sound of pianos, organs, and other musical instruments, are not conducive to speedy recovery, and in this respect the cottage hospital would afford to the sick teacher or pupil a welcome haven of rest and quiet. I might add to the foregoing many other reasons why this recommendation should receive consideration, but I think enough has been said or intimated to show that a cottage hospital, or some special hospital accommodation, is required.

Physical Training.—The alterations which have been made in our out-buildings have given us a commodious, airy, and well lighted gymnasium. The physical training of the pupils is so essential to their health, so necessary to their development, and has so

much to do with their success in life, that its importance should never be overlooked in a school for the blind. It is a matter for congratulation that the School has arrived at this stage when it can give to its pupils proper facilities for that daily exercise which they appreciate and from which they derive so much benefit.

Southern Trip.—Accompanied by Mrs. Fraser, I had the pleasure of visiting in April last, eleven schools and institutions for the blind situated in the eastern part of the United States. We were cordially received by the Superintendents and Teachers of these establishments, and in several instances enjoyed the hospitality of the schools. The object of our visit was to investigate the teaching methods and ascertain the practical results of the education given in some of the most progressive American Schools for the Blind. We learned something in each school that will be advantageous to this Institution, but, while frankly and thankfully admitting this, we had no reason to feel that the educational advantages placed within the reach of the blind of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, were in any way of a secondary character. We found larger schools, handsomer buildings, and more perfect equipment, but nowhere did we find the outcome of the training given more satisfactory than our own, and nowhere did we find an environment more conducive to the success of educated blind persons than that which exists in this section of the Continent. I desire to express on behalf of Mrs. Fraser and myself, my thanks to the several Superintendents who entertained us, and to the many officers and teachers who so kindly and cordially assisted us in our investigations.

Conclusion.—In conclusion, gentlemen, I wish to express my sincere thanks for the hearty and intelligent support which I have uniformly received from the members of the Board of Managers. The School has grown from a small Institution to a large and flourishing establishment, and while I realize that the success of its internal management, and of the education imparted, may largely depend upon the personnel of the officers and teaching staff, I gratefully recognize the voluntary and unremunerated labors which have been performed by the members of the Board, for the benefit of those who are deprived of sight, and for the advancement of the School.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. F. FRASER,
Superintendent.

Register of Pupils in Attendance, Dec. 31st, 1899.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Name	Place	Municipality
Blanche Brewster	Ross Creek	Kings
Florence Flinn	Halifax City	
Jennie Muise	Yarmouth	Yarmouth
Julienne LeVert	Friar's Head	Inverness
Harriet Miller	Rhodes' Corner	Lunenburg
Dora Neaves	Port Lorne	Annapolis
Josie Sperry	Petite Riviere	Lunenburg
Cora Longley	Green Harbour	Shelburne
Lauretta Patton	North Wallace	Cumberland
Isabel Burgess	Sheet Harbour	Halifax
Amanda Pineo	Kentville	Kings
Louise Muise	Bellville	Yarmouth
Eva Fogarty	Mount Uniacke	Hants
Annie George	Whitehead	Guysboro
Nellie Taylor	Halifax City	
Francis Walsh	Bridgewater	Lunenburg
Evelyn Ellis	Digby	Digby
Lulu Curtis	Onslow	Colchester
Pearl McLeod	Halifax City	
Alice Jollimore	Upper Prospect	Halifax
Ella Fletcher	DeBert	Colchester
Clara McNeil	Glace Bay	Cape Breton
Rachael McLeod	Point Aconi	"
Emma Delahunt	Parrsboro	Cumberland
Ruby Goodall	Bedford Basin Rd	Halifax
Ethel Jollimore	Upper Prospect	"
Zoe Doucet	Grand Etang	Inverness
Florence Cowie	Westport	Digby
Thomas Hubley	Halifax City	
Earnest Ogilvie	Harbourville	Kings
Thomas Fletcher	DeBert	Colchester
Charles Kaulback	New Germany	Lunenburg
Joseph Burke	St Peter's	Richmond
Alex. Duncan	Aylesford	Kings
Joseph Emino	Hebb's Cross	Lunenburg
William Smith	Truro	Colchester

Name.	Place.	Municipality.
Harry Gillin	Isaac's Harbour	Guysboro
Peter White	Yarmouth	Yarmouth
Russel Briggs	Amherst	Cumberland
Samuel Gellar	Halifax City	
Lemuel Rushton	Londonderry	Colchester
George Slaughinwhite	Italy Cross	Lunenburg
Frank Kline	Halifax City	
Wingate Schofield	Gaspereau	Kings
Clyde Margeson	Halifax City	
Reginald West	"	
John Keefe	Canso	Guysboro
Orland Slack	Folleigh Lake	Colchester
Hiram Cosby	Bear River	Digby
John Swain	Port Clyde	Shelburne
Benj Cook	Roachvale	Guysboro
Daniel Morrison	Black Brook	Cape Breton
William Chambers	Halifax City	
Samuel Hayden	Jordan Falls	Shelburne
Charles Howell	Lockport	"
John A. McDonald	Glassburn	Antigonish
James Rousse	Wellington	Halifax
Fred Roack	Cheticamp	Inverness
Archibald Stewart	N. E. Margaree	"
Harold Rozee	Truro	Colchester
John McDonald	Little Mabou	Inverness
James Sandford	Walton Road	Hants
Joseph Couchard	Halifax City	
Albert Goodall	Bedford Basin Road	Halifax
George Melancon	Bell Neck	Yarmouth

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Martha Rankin	Chipman	Queens
Louise Blaksley	Hartland	Carleton
Lelia McGibbon	Moor's Mills	Charlotte
Celestine Cormier	Moncton	Westmoreland
Ellen McLeod	Coldbrook	St. John
Alberta Kinsella	St. John City	
Nellie Smith	York Mills	York
Emma Legere	Shediac	Westmoreland
Sarah Legere	"	"
Muriel Stewart	St. John City	
Anna Corbin	St. Leonard's	Madawaska
Stanley Day	Moncton	Westmoreland

Name	Place	Municipality.
Paul Duffy	Hillsboro	Albert
Sandford Upham	Prousser Brook	Albert
Edward Riley	St. John City	
John Johnson	Chatham	Northumberland
Hollis Lindsay	Woodstock	Carleton
William McLellan	St. George	Charlotte
Walter Day	Moncton	Westmoreland
Albert Thibodeau	Moncton	Westmorland
William Rankin	Chipman	Queens
Olivier Cormier	Moncton	Westmoreland
Charles Campbell	Sussex	Kings
Robert Rankin	Chipman	Queens
Grover Livingston	Harcourt	Kent
Leon Duffy	Hillsboro	Albert
Edward Legere	Shediac	Westmoreland
Louis DeGrace	St. Ignatius	Kent
Frank Hannah	Moncton	Westmoreland
William Nichols	St. John City	
Earnest Kenny	St John City	
Albert McAfee	St. John City	
Leslie Belyea	St. John City	
Vaughn McNair	Cardwell	Kings

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Francis Moore	Fermuese
Minnie Donovan	St. John's City
Walter Barnes	St. John's City
Edgar A. Bursey	Hants Harbour
Ralph A. Morgan	Salmon Cove
Henry Anthony	Salmon Cove
James McCarthy	Bay of Islands
William Shirley	Fortune Bay

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Lizzie McIntosh	Selkirk Road
Vernon Jones	Pownel
Frank McDonald	Charlottetown
George McPherson	Charlottetown
Roy McGregor	Pownel

ENTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Rachael McLeod.....Point Aconi, C. B.
Emma Delahunt.....Parrsboro, N. S.
Ruby Goodall.....Bedford Basin Rd., Halifax, N. S.
Ethel Jollimore .....Upper Prospect, N. S.
Zoe Doucet.....Grand Etang, C. B.
Florence Cowie.. .....Westport, N. S.
Muriel Stewart.....St. John, N. B.
Anna Corbin.....St. Leonards, N. B.
Minnie Donovan.....St. John's, Nfld.
Fred. Roach ....Cheticamp, C. B.
Archibald Stewart .....N. E. Margaree, C. B.
Harold Rozee .....Truro, N. S.
John McDonald .....Little Mabou, N. S.
James Sandford .....Walton Road, N. S.
Joseph Couchard.....Halifax, N. S.
Albert Goodall.....Bedford Basin Rd., Halifax, N. S.
William Nichols..... St. John, N. B.
Earnest Kenny.....St. John, N. B.
Albert McAfee.....St. John, N. B.
George McNair.....Cardwell, N. B.
Leslie Belyea .....St. John, N. B.
William Shirley .....Fortune Bay, Nfld.

GRADUATED OR REMAINED AT HOME.

Annie Doucet .....Cheticamp, C. B.
Julia White.....Yarmouth, N. S.
Cecelia Ehler.....Queensport, N. S.
Minnie Wynacht.....Bridgewater, N. S.
Minnie Taylor.....St. John, N. B.
Ella Casey .....St. John's, Nfld.
W. H. Sterns.....Liverpool, N. S.
Ralph Giffin.....Isaac's Harbour, N. S.
Dennis Murray .....Belleville, N. S.
Joseph Dykens .....Berwick, N. S.
Robert Finlayson .....Truro, N. S.
Hudson Smith ....Trenton, N. S.
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Literary Department.

1st Division.

1st Prize—Vernon Jones, Pownel, P. E. I.
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2nd Division.

1st Prize—Leon Duffy, Hillsboro, N. B.
2nd Prize—Frank McDonald, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

3rd Division.

1st Prize—Orland Slack, Folleigh Lake, N. S.
2nd Prize—Elizabeth McIntosh, Selkirk Road, P. E. I.

4th Division.

1st Prize—Grover Livingstone, Harcourt, N. B.
2nd Prize—Josie Sperry, Petite Riviere, N. S.

Boys' Musical Department.

1st Prize—Thomas Hubley, Halifax, N. S.
2nd Prize—Thomas Fletcher, DeBert, N. S.

Girls' Musical Department.

1st Prize—Louise Blaksley, Hartland, N. B.
2nd Prize—Josie Sperry, Petite Riviere, N. S.

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1st Div.—Prize divided between Walter Barnes, St. John's, Nfld., Thomas Hubley, Halifax, N. S., and Thos. Fletcher, DeBert, N. S.
2nd Div.—Prize divided between Edward Riley, St. John, N. B., and Henry Anthony, Salmon Cove, Nfld.

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2nd Prize—Edgar Bursey, Hants Harbour, Nfld.

2nd Division.

1st Prize—Clara McNeil, Glace Bay, C. B.
2nd Prize—Hollis Lindsay, Woodstock, N. B.

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LEGACIES.

1866	Wm. Murdoch, Halifax. . .	$19466 67
1871	Jane Molloy, Halifax.	88 77
1872	Robert Noble, " .	100 00
1874	R. Purvis, Pugwash...	100 00
1875	Jas. McDonald, Green Hill, Tiotou . . .	150 00
1876	Miss Jane M. Tonge, Windsor	20 00
1876	N. L. West, Halifax .	800 00
1877	J. M. Walker, " .	500 00
1878	W. L. Black, " ..	250 00
1879	Chas. Roche, " .	100 00
	Miss Service, " .	400 00
1880	Mrs. Williamson, " ..	200 00
	G. Frieze, Maitland .	100 00
	Ann Wilson, Halifax..	100 00
1880	Ann Hunter, " .	20 00
1882	John Saunders Burlington, Hants Co. .	116 33
	John King, Halifax .	600 00
	W. P. West, " . .	1000 00
	W. K. Reynolds, " . .	2000 00
1883	Joseph Hart, Baddeck.	100 00
	Mrs. G. Gunn, Halifax	40 00
1884	Hugh Elliott, "	100 00
	Alex. McLeod, "	100 00
1885	James Thompson, "	100 00
	H. Hesslein, "	100 00
1886	S. S. B. Smith, "	100 00
	A. Shiehl, Dartmouth.	553 00
	Jas. G. Merkel, Halifax	50 00
1887	J. C. McDonald, "	50 00
	W. H. Merkel, "	50 00
1887	Jas. A. Puist, Halifax.	500 00
	Sir Wm. Young "	10,000 00
	Mrs M. J. Hamilton, Hfx	50 00
	" J. Northup, Halfx	200 00
	Mrs. E. Binney, Halifax	$500 00
1888	J. W. Metzler, "	40 00
	J. U. Ross, "	50 00
1889	Mrs. W. L. Wilmot, Fredericton, N. B. .	250 05
	Miss Ellen Smith, Summerville, Hants Co..	16 70
	James F. Avery, M. D., Halifax ...	500 00
	S. A. White, Halifax .	1000 00
	John Gibson, " ..	1000 00
1890	Finlay Campbell, Charlottetown, P. E. I...	100 00
	J. P. Mott, Halifax .	20138 50
	G. G. Gray, " ..	181 17
1891	John Naylor, "	526 75
	M. P. Black, " ..	500 00
1893	Sir E. Kenny, " ..	400 00
	A. K. Doull " ..	1849 33
1894	Miss E. Cronan, " .	100 00
	Duncan Waddell, Dart.	375 52
1895	Miss E. Heales, St. John	200 00
	Rev. Thomas DeWolf, Windsor	500 00
1896	Mrs. Keith, Halifax .	200 00
	Mons. Carmody, " .	50 00
1897	W. G. C. Ketchum, C. E., Fredericton	500 00
	Adam Burns, Halifax .	250 00
1898	Lady Kenny, "	200 00
1899	Mrs. Chas. Murdoch, London, G. B	450 00
	Est. Gilbert Pugsley, acct., Amherst	200 00
	Est. Miss H. F. Allison, Halifax.	50 00
	Est. E. P. Archbold, act., Halifax	25 00

FORM OF LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath to "The Halifax School for the Blind," Halifax, Nova Scotia, and their successors, for ever (if real estate), all that, etc., (if personal), the sum of, etc., to be used for the general purposes of the Institution.

School for the Blind in account with JOHN DUFFUS, Treasurer.

CURRENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1898. Dec. 4.	By balance in bank	$ 185 79
1899. Dec. 6.	By interest and dividends	2525 72
	Donations and Subscriptions	174 87
	Nova Scotia Government and Municipalities	9069 51
	N. B. Government and Municipalities	4268 77
	Newfoundland Government	1200 00
	P. E. I. Government and City of Charlottetown	449 39
		$17834 04

EXPENDITURE.

1899. Dec. 6.	To House expenses, including—	
	Salaries to Matron, Housekeeper, and Servants	$ 9941 88
	Salaries to Superintendent and Teachers	4879 37
	Repairs to Building	930 50
	Alterations and Improvements	629 48
	Grounds	445 68
	Printing	253 40
	Prizes	18 00
	School Supplies	280 29
	Sundry Expenses	110 73
	Contingent Account	194 99
	Balance in Bank	200 02
		$17884 04

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

Cr.

1899. Dec. 6.	By Subscriptions paid during the year	$ 727 10

Dr.

1899. Dec. 6.	To postage and discounts	$ 17 04
	Repaid Legacy account	710 06
		$727 10

LEGACY ACCOUNT.

Cr.

1899.		
Dec. 6.	By Estate of Mrs. Chas. Murdoch, Halifax, N. S.	$ 450 00
	" Gilbert Pugsley, Amherst, N. S.	200 00
	" Miss H. F. Allison, Halifax, N. S.	50 00
	" E. P. Archbold, Halifax, N. S.	25 00
	By Building Fund	727 10
		$1452 10

Dr.

Dec. 6.	To invested	$1452 10

RECAPITULATION.

1898.		
Dec. 4.	By balance	$ 185 79
	Revenue	17698 25
	Legacies	725 00
	Building Fund	727 10
		$19336 14
1898.		
Dec. 4.	To Current Expenses	$17684 02
	Investments, etc	1452 10
	Balance in Bank	200 02
		$19336 14

DONATIONS AND THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS.

United Church, New Glasgow (1898)	$ 58 87
Baptist and Methodist Churches, Liverpool	4 70
Baptist Church, Guysboro (1898)	5 00
Hon. L. G. Power, Halifax	5 00
Mrs. C. C. Blackadar, Halifax	5 00
Prof. C. McDonald, Halifax	5 00
Presbyteriau Church, West River and Green Hill	1 00
" North Shore and North River, N. S.	5 00
Prof. Kennedy, Halifax	5 00
Mrs. Kennedy, "	5 00
Rev. W. S. Covert, Digby	2 40
United Church, New Glasgow (1899)	63 25
Baptist Church, Guysboro (1899)	65
Presbyterian Church, North Shore and St. Ann's, C. B.	74 00
	$174 85

Subscriptions Towards the Building Fund of the School for the Blind.

The Board of Managers in gratefully acknowledging the following subscriptions towards the Building Fund, have much pleasure in making the following statement. The new building was erected at a cost of $23,141.67. The subscriptions towards the Building Fund now amount to $22,801.26 and of this sum $21,522.13 have been received to date.

Subscriptions previously acknowledged $20,795.03.

Subscriptions for Current Year.

Judge Henry, Halifax	$25 00
J. J. Seriven, "	25 00
L. DeBarres, " acct	5 00
Rev. G. J. Bond "	5 00
Donald Keith, "	25 00
J. H. Angwin "	10 00
Hon. D. McKeen, "	25 00
P. Gough, "	5 00
Mrs. Smyth, "	50 00
McDonald & Co, "	50 00
D. Archibald, " bal	15 00
W. H. Hamilton "	5 00
J. R. Mont, " acct	5 00
A Friend "	50 00
A. W. Moffat, Amherst acct	15 00
J. M. Townsend, Amherst bal	15 00
C. W. Hewsin, " bal.	10 00
J. D. Dickey, " acct	10 00
M. D. Pride, " acct	5 00
Thos. Dunlap, " acct	5 00
John Laws, " acct	5 00
C. A. Missner, Acadia Mines, acct	5 00
J. M. Owen, Annapolis, acct	10 00
R. T. Randolf, Bridgetown	2 00
E. C. Whitman, Canso, acct	10 00
W. A. Weeks, Charlottetown, acct	5 00
P. P. Archibald, " "	10 00
Mrs. Twining, Frederickton, bal	5 00
C. Duffy, " "	5 00
J. D. Fraser, Ferrona	5 00
J. W. Churchill, Hantsport	5 00
J. B. North, " bal	5 00
Employees Canadian Coal & Ry. Co. Joggins Mines	3 00
Joshua Peters, Moncton, acct	10 00
W. G. Matherson, New Glasgow, acct	5 00
J. H. Sinclair, " "	5 00
H. V. Jameson, " bal	10 00
A. J. Townsend, Parrsboro, bal	5 00
O. S. Price, Parrsboro, acct	5 00
E. McPhail, Pictou, acct	5 00
C. R. Chisholm, Pictou, bal	10 00
M. McGregor, M. D., Ritchey's Cove bal	10 00
Late John McIntosh, Stellarton	5 00
Miss Brookmen Sydney, acct	5 00
J. W. Seaman, Shulee, acct	5 00
Mrs. H. Whetsel, St John,	5 00
W. S. Muir, M. D., Truro, acct	5 00
W. McCulley, Truro, acct	5 00
Mrs. Hickie, Truro, acct	5 00
G. Stewart, Truro, bal	10 00
Dr. Yorston, Truro, acct	5 00
Rev. A. L. Geggie Truro	5 00
Dr. Bret Black, Truro	5 00
Henry Hunter, Westchester, acct	5 00
J. M. Smith, Windsor	25 00
H. P. Scott, Windsor	25 00
Allen Haley, M.P., Windsor, acct	10 00
E. N. Dimock, " "	10 00
C. H. Dimock, " "	10 00
R. Parkin, " "	5 00
J. A. Russel, " "	5 00
Mrs. G. P. Payzant, " "	5 00
Mrs. Edward Dimock, "	5 00
S. P. Benjamin, Wolfville, acct	15 00
C. S. Wilcox, Windsor	5 00
R. McDonald, Westville, acct	5 00
F. Unwin, Parkhamstead, Eng	10 00

WESLEY

FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

This library of raised print books was established in 1881. Early in the present year, owing to the great demand for books on the part of the graduates of the School and the adult blind who have been taught to read in their homes, an effort was made to secure funds to increase the number of volumes in the library. In response to a circular letter sent out from the School many friends have already liberally responded, or have intimated their intention of doing so at an early date. Since the first of Nov., 1898, embossed books for the blind have, by the authority of the Parliament of Canada, and by the order of the Postmaster-General, been transmitted through the mails free of charge. This has resulted in an increased demand for books and has made an addition to our circulating library most necessary. The library has proved a source of comfort and pleasure to scores of men and women deprived of sight, and that its blessings are gratefully appreciated is shown by the letters constantly received by the Librarian of the School. The special thanks of the readers are due to a number of ladies who have become expert Braille writers, and have copied for the library a number of very interesting books and pamphlets.

During the year 70 volumes have been added to the circulating library, in addition to the books presented by the British and Foreign Bible Society. The following contributions to the library are most gratefully acknowledged :—

A Friend, Halifax	$ 20 00
Miss Hunter, Halifax	2 00
Mrs. George Mitchell, Halifax	2 00
Mr. Gregor Mitchell, Halifax	2 00
E. D. H., Halifax	2 00
G. U. Hay, St. John	2 00
Mrs. Ketchum, Fredericton, N. B.	2 00
Miss S. A. Forbes, Liverpool	2 00
Miss Carmichael, New Glasgow	5 00
Mrs. J. H. Sinclair, New Glasgow	1 00
Mrs. S. F. McKay, New Glasgow	2 00
Mrs. P. A. McGregor, New Glasgow	2 00
Mrs. C. Burrill, Weymouth	5 00
Mrs. Kaulback, Truro	2 00
Mrs. Owen, Annapolis	2 00
Friends in Dartmouth, per Misses Dustan and Prescott	53 25
British and Foreign Bible Society, 3 Bibles and 5 New Testaments in Braille type, and 2 Bibles and 2 New Testaments in Moon type, value	200 00

AN ACT

Respecting the Education of the Blind of Nova Scotia.

Chapter 1, 1895.

1.—The parent or guardian of any blind person between the ages of six and twenty-one years who has, under the provisions of chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, a settlement in any municipality, may apply to the warden of such municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School for the Blind, which order the said warden shall at once grant under his hand and the corporate seal of the municipality, on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed, and has a legal settlement in the municipality,

2.—Such order shall entitle the blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax School for the Blind, and, subject to conditions hereinafter described, to be educated and boarded therein during the School terms. Pupils entering the School between the ages of six and ten years shall be entitled to remain seven years in addition to the time in attendance under ten years of age; those entering between the ages of ten and thirteen years of age shall be entitled to remain seven years; those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen shall be entitled to remain five years; and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years.

3.—For every blind person received into the Halifax School for the Blind pursuant to this chapter and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasury at the rate of seventy-five dollars per annum, payable half yearly, and also to receive annually at the same rate from the county school fund of the municipality to which the said blind person belongs. When such municipality shall not comprise an entire county, the last mentioned grant of seventy-five dollars shall be charged against the county school funds of both districts included within the county in proportion to the amounts of their respective school allowance derived from the county school fund.

4.—It shall be the duty of the Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind to furnish semi-annually to the Council of Public Instruction full returns of the names, ages, residences, etc., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5.—In the annual apportionment of the county school fund the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind, and issue drafts therefore on the treasury of the respective municipalities.

6.—The Provincial Secretary shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind.

7.—In the case of any incorporated city or town within the Province in which any such blind person as is designated in the first sub-section of this section, has a legal settlement, an allowance to the Board of Managers of the said school of seventy-five dollars per annum shall be assessed upon the inhabitants of the said city or town in case such city or town does not contribute to or draw from the county school fund, and in such case said sum shall be paid to the said managers for each such blind person sent to the said school, and each such blind person shall be admitted to said school in the manner prescribed in the first sub-section of this section, the chief executive officer of the corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the warden of the municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury for each such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance the sum of seventy-five dollars in like manner as is provided in the third sub-section of this section.

8.—The Council of Public Instruction, upon being satisfied that an applicant has a settlement within the Province and has no means of paying the expenses of his or her education, may, upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, make the provisions of this section apply to any blind person over the age of twenty-one years of age. Such action of the Council of Public Instruction shall entitle the blind person to be received in the School on the same terms as persons mentioned in sub sections 1 and 2 of this section.

9.—The Council of Public Instruction shall have authority upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, to extend the time of any pupil who has entered under the provisions of this section.

10.—In the case of any person who has been admitted to the

Halifax School for the Blind, or on whose behalf application for admission to such School has been made, who has no settlement within any county or district of the Province, as required by sub-section 1 of this section, the Provincial Secretary, if satisfied that such person is fairly chargeable to the Province, may pay or agree to pay to the Board of Managers of the said School the same sum as is allowed from the Provincial Treasury in the case of a person admitted under the provisions of the said sub-section.

11.—The parents or guardians of any blind person between the ages of six and twenty-one years, who have not the settlement referred to in sub-section 1, may nevertheless apply to the warden of the municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School for the Blind ; and if the warden be satisfied that such parents or guardians have or has *bone fide* settled in the municipality, with the intention of remaining, the warden may grant such order, which shall have the same force and effect as an order given under the provisions of the said sub-section.

AN ACT

Relating to the Education of the Blind in New Brunswick.

Chap. VIII, Acts of the General Assembly, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly as follows:—

1.—The Parents or Guardians of any blind person between the ages of ten and twenty one years, who has, under the provisions of Chapter 102 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, a settlement within any County or City of the Province, may apply to the Warden of the Municipality, or the Mayor of the City, for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School or any other Institution for the Blind approved by the Governor-in-Council, and the said Warden or Mayor on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed and has a legal settlement in the Municipality or City, shall at once grant such order for admission as aforesaid under his hand and the corporate seal of the Municipality or City, and forward the same to the Provincial Secretary for his approval to be endorsed thereon.

2. Such order so approved by the Provincial Secretary shall entitle the blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, and subject to conditions hereafter to be prescribed, to be educated and boarded therein during the school terms. Pupils under thirteen years of age, when entering the School, shall be entitled to remain seven years: those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen shall be entitled to remain five years: and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years.

3.—For every blind person received into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind, approved, as aforesaid, pursuant to this Act, and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of such School or Institution for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasurer, at the rate of seventy-five dollars per annum, payable half yearly, and also to receive at the same rate from the County School Fund of the Municipality to

which the said blind person belongs. This section to apply to the blind persons in attendance at the Halifax Institution at the time of the passing of this Act.

4.—The Board of Managers of the said Halifax School, or other Institution for the Blind approved as aforesaid, shall furnish semi-annually on the first day of January and July in each year, to the Chief Superintendent of Education of the Province of New Brunswick, full returns of the names, ages, residences, attendance, etc., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5.—In the semi-annual apportionment of the County School Fund, the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of any Institution for the Blind, and issue drafts therefor on the Treasurers of the respective Municipalities.

6.—In the case of any incorporated City or Town within the Province in which any blind person, as is designated in the first Section of this Act, has a legal settlement, and which City or Town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, there shall be paid by such City or Town to the Board of Managers of the said School an allowance of seventy-five dollars per annum, and such sum shall form part of the general assessment of such City or Town for each blind person sent to said School, and each such blind person sent to the said School shall be admitted to the said School in the manner prescribed in the first Section of this Act, the chief executive officer of the Corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury for each such blind person, for which such City or Town contributes such allowance, the sum of seventy-five dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

7.—The parents or guardians of any blind person between the ages of ten and twenty-one years who have or has not the settlement referred to in Section one of this Act may, nevertheless, apply to the Warden of a Municipality or the Mayor of a City for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, and if the Warden or Mayor of a City be satisfied that such parents or guardians have or has *bona fide* settled in the Municipality or City with the intention of remaining, the Warden or Mayor may grant such order in manner and form as prescribed in the first Section of this Act, which shall have the same force and effect as an order given under the provisions of the said Section.

8.—In the case of any person who has been admitted to the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, or on whose behalf application for admission to such School has been made, who has no settlement within any County or District of the Province as required by Section one of this Act, the Provincial Secretary, if satisfied that such person is fairly chargeable to the Province, may pay or agree to pay to the Board of Managers of the said School, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum from the Provincial Treasury.

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56 Vic., Cap. 20.

An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act relating to the Education of the Blind.

1.—Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act of Assembly, 55th Victoria, Chapter 8, entitled "An Act relating to the Education of the Blind," the Lieutenant-Governor in-Council, upon being satisfied that an applicant has a settlement within the Province of New Brunswick, and has no means of paying the expenses of his or her Education, may, by Order-in Council, make the provisions of said Act apply to any blind person over the age of twenty-one years, and such order shall specify the Municipality in which said blind person has a settlement, and upon which he or she shall be chargeable. Such Order-in Council shall entitle the blind person mentioned therein to be received at the Halifax School for the Blind, or any other Institution for the Blind, on the same terms as persons mentioned in the first and second sections of the said Act.

2.—Blind persons over the age of twenty-one years so received at the Halifax School for the Blind, or other Institution for the Blind, approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council under the provisions of the preceding section, shall (subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council) be entitled to remain three years.

3.—The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council shall have authority by Order-in-Council, upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind, or any other Institution for the Blind approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, to extend the time of any pupil who has entered under the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act relating to the Education of the Blind," or of this Act in amendment thereof.

59 Vic., Cap. 13.

An Act to amend an Act relating to the Education of the Blind.

1.—Section 1 of the Act of Assembly, 55th Victoria, Chapter 8, is hereby amended by erasing the word "ten" in the second line thereof.

2.—Pupils entering the School between the ages of six and ten years, shall be entitled to remain seven years in addition to the time in attendance under ten years of age.

Application for admission to the School for the Blind and all correspondence, should be addressed to—

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Superintendent.